France, Italy, In lia and China.

Huskisson, thad produced what monopoly facts having reached the ears of the leadwas always sure to produce-an indiffer. ers of the Clay faction, a caucus was orence with regard to improvement. That | dered and holden, and went into operation | useful zeal which gives life to industry, the night before the report of the Comwhich fosters ingenuity, and which, in mittee was made. manufactures, occasions unceasing efforts left behind our neighbors. We have here the Exchequer. a proof of that chilling and benumbing effect which is sure to be produced when no genius is called into action, and when we are rendered indifferent to exertion by the indolent security derived from restrictive regulations.' The principle that is applicable to one art, is applicable to anotheconomical production of a quarter of his country. wheat, or the rearing and fattening of an

\*REPLY TO THE ABOVE. From the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser. FREE TRADE. Editors of the Commercial Advertiser.

GENTLEMEN-Of all the party claps of the day, it appears to me that no one has more humbug in it, or is less understood, than that of free trade.

tages of free trade, not only to a country, but to the manufacturers themselves .-And as the Journal of Commerce has a similar, if not the same editorial remarks and extracts in its columns, it is fair to presume that the editors of both papers understand what they are writing about, and mean what they say. Silk manufactures now pay a cash duty in England of thirty per cent.; and do they call that free trade? I have known a house in the vicinity of St. Paul's church yard, under the present rate of duty, exchequered for £10,000, on French goods found in their possession, and they paid it, too, rather than undergo the ordeal of an investigation by the officers of the government .-The above named editors say, "the silk trade of England has been one of the fairest experiments (of the advantages of free trade) that could possibly be made." If this is true I do not know what free trade means. I have been an importer for more than thirty years, and am tired of government experiments; believing that until our government protects and you the enclosed from the Journal of Commerge, and will thank you to ask the editors of that paper and of the Evening liberal Whigs. Post what free trade means in the vocabulary of the day.

AN OLD NATIVE AMERICAN IMPORTER.

The extract from an English paper, to which our correspondent refers, does not convey the idea that there is no proas the editor of the Evening Post appears between the Puritan and the blackleg. to have supposed. It speaks of free trade as opposed to monopoly-not to protec. to their utter amazement, that a caucus of tion. And the great increase and im- unprincipled demagogues and knaves at provement of the silk manufacture, which the Post and Journal cite as argument in favor of free trade, have grown up under a protecting duty of 30 per cent. as the editors of those journals may see by referring to the report from the State Department, on the commercial relations of the United States with foreign nations, approbation.' document No. 163 of the House of Representatives, page 133.]

SOMETHING FROM BOTH SIDES .- The following proceedings took place in the House of Representatives on the 23rd of on-

The Journal of Saturday was read and

Mr. Filmore rose and asked leave of the House to make a personal explanation with reference to himself and to the Committee of Ways and Means.

feries of "Go on," "go on."]

had been a member of this House, he said | chequer bill. he had never, prior to this time, felt it his editorial article, published in a leading the fact I wish to get to the world is im-Administration paper, printed in New portant, I send it to you; and here I state York, "the Union," of the date of Satur- it. day, January 23, 1843, reflecting so whom he usually acted, that he felt it his for consideration. duty to notice it. He would send the

The clerk read as follows:

none at all; and under the last, we export recommended by the Executive; and it enough to damn the bill, and secure the consideration of the subject with a strong near £300,000 worth to all parts of the was further ascertained that it was very defeat of the Exchequer scheme; but oth- desire that they might be able to recomworld, in free and fair competition with probable the Commettee of Ways and er aids were called in to consummate the Means would report in favor of the bill "'The monopoly (of silk),' said Mr. brought forward by Mr. Cushing. These

"At the opening of the caucus it was to produce the article in the most econom- planned that a majority of the Whigs ical form, had been comparatively extin. present, weary of waging a reckless, ungnished. To the prohibitive system it profitable and infamous opposition to the was to be ascribed, that in silk only, in the people's will, had determined to go forth, whole range of manufactures, we were like men, and sustain the President and

At this stage of the affair, the leaders took their stand and commenced a furious gress. attack on the President and the Administration, and denounced them both; and, having got up much excitement, they avowed that if any man, as a Whig. gave the least countenance to the plan of the er, and the 'useful zeal which gives life to President, he would be a traitor to his the House, and been adopted by the votes industry,' is hardly less necessary to the party, and as such should be presented to of the Democrats, aided by the liberal

"Still many of the more discreet and ox, than to the production of good web of liberal Whigs manifested a disposition to sustain the Exchequer and do something to relieve the embarrasments of the na-

"At this stage of the game a letter from Mr. Clay was brought forward and read. In that most precious document he urged that it was the duty and the policy of the Whigs to defeat the Exchequor and leave ity of the more discreet Whigs were in the country to suffer. 'Let the people favor of the Exchequer scheme recomfeel,' said the writer of the letter adroitly; mended by the Executive; and it was let them suffer; and, casting the respon- further ascertained that it was very prob-I wish to call your attention and that sibility of the act on the shoulders of the able that the Committee of Ways and mittee whose recollection differed from of your readers to an editorial piece in President, as they will, they will soon be- | Means would report in favor of the bill the Evening Post, with an extract from come outrageous, and blight the last hopes English papers, on the article of silk of his ascendency. But if you give them facts having reached the ears of the lead- Democrat, or who belonged to what was manufactures, in illustration of the advan- an Exchequer, it may relieve them somewhat; it may afford something of that dered and holden, and went into operation had any knowledge of facts different from pecuniary aid they seek, and the Whigs the night before the report of that comwill be divested of the capital they work | mittee was made."

very letter, of the epistle, and it was not from the Committee of Ways and Means without its effect. A long and an anni- to this subject was made on Monday mornmated debate ensued, and finally the ing; so that if a caucus was held on the question was taken by aves and nocs. It night preceding that report, by the Whigs, is not known what was the exact vote, in reference to this subject, it must have but is known that the minority was yerv been held on Sunday evening, and he destrong, and that the majority in favor of | sired to say that no caucus was holden instructing in caucus the Committee of neither at that or any other time, to his Ways and Means to report against the knowledge, with any such object, or when or in "the Madisonian?" Exchequer did not exceed four votes.

like argument, menace, and denunciation had been exhaustid and Mr. Clay's white Charlies defeated the Exchequor bill in caucus, bound in chains one of the most important standing Committee of the National Congress, and deprived the nation of an opportunity of even discussing a bill, in the fate of which the happiness, the interests, and the future splendor of the whole nation are involved.

"If the Exchequer bill had not been defeated by the caucus-if it had been encourages its own labor, and supplies the permitted to be introduced to Congress, country with a circulating medium of where it legitimately belonged, it would equal value in every part of it, our mer- have passed by the votes of the Democracantile interests cannot prosper. I send cy, aided by those of the supporters of the Administration and the support it would have obtained at the hands of the more

"But Mr. Clay ordained that the people should suffer; his slaves in Congress consummated the act, and let the intamy of the deed rest on the shoulders of the President, he would be a traitor to his have fixed her throne. The massive granunprincipled of the Whigs-on him who, as Mr. Randolph, of Roanake, fitly and eloquently said, attempted to sustain himtective duty on imported silk in England, self and his hopes by forming a coalition

> "Let the American people read and see, Washington, acting at the nod of Mr. Clay, can and do blight and desecrate the dearest and holiest interests of the nation. Let them read and know these things; in any such thing having taken place. and then, if they be true to themselves, let If it had he challenged any individual on them advance in solid columns to the res- this floor to rise and say he knew of it. cue of an Administration that is entitled to every man's confidence, respect, and

Mr. F. said he desired also an article from the Madisonian of this morning, on the same subject, to be read.

Mr. Wise interposed on a point of order, and after some conversation there-

The Clerk rend from the Madisonian as From the New York Correspondence of the Ma.

disonian.] " NEW YORK, January 19, 1843. " One of the most disgraceful acts that Washington, a few days prior to the utter. ject; that no such letter had ever been ever distinguished a faction occurred at

duty to notice any newspaper articles with be sure, to get facts before the public that edge he had in reference to Mr. Clay's reference to his conduct, or with refer- transpire at Washington-to send this ence to the conduct of these connected from New York to the American Metropwith him in this House. Nevertheless, olis; but, as there are obstacles here in there had been brought to his notice an the way of free communication, and as

"The night before the Committee of much on the character of the Committee Ways and Means was to report on the of Ways and Means, and of this House, Exchequer bill, a 'caucus' of the Whigs especially that part of this House with was held, and the subject was taken up

paper to the clerk and request him to read been had, it was found that there was a strong and determined disposition on the part of the Whigs to report favorably and "THE INFAMY OF FACTION -One of to vote in favor of the bill. Indeed, there the most infamous acts that 'faction,' in was a majority of the caucus in favor of the plenitude of its power, ever perpetral such an issue. In the midst of this state ted took, place at the Capital of the Uni of feeling, it was urged by unprincipled ted States, the day before the Committee leaders that, if the bill found a favorable "It had been ascertained that a major lity of the Administration, and facilitate ity of the most liberal and discrect Wings | the prosperity of the President. This of | where; and with reference to himself he fierce and almost savage smile that quivof Ways and Means reported on the sub- report, and should by any chance be adop-

that must take our bad article, or have were in favor of the Exchequor scheme litself, in all probability, would have been would say, that he had commenced the unprincipled baseness of the Whigs.

"To complete the work of iniquity, a letter written, it is said, by Mr. Clay, dated at Natchez, in which it was urged that Congress ought to linger on till the 4th of March, do nothing for the country, and thus, by 'applying the screws to the whole commerce and business of the nation, rouse it to indignation towards the plan of the President. President, and thus aid the towering am-Presidency.'

and authentic, and the facts here stated cannot be denied by the Whigs in Con-

"But for the acts of the Whig caucus the Committee of Ways and Means would have reported the Exchequer bill on the basis of the scheme presented by the Executive; it would have been taken up in

Whigs." would now perceive that grave charges documents carefully, and when they came were brought against the conduct of the to the final result there was no difference Committee of Ways and Means, in report- of opinion in the committee in reference ing against the Exchequer. The first to it, and that it was at least two weeks, charge contained in the article in the Union, and reiterated in this letter in the Madisonian, was this:

"It had been ascertained that a majorbrought forward by Mr. Cushing. These ers of the Clay faction, a caucus was or-

With regard to the single fact stated "Such was the substance if not the here, Mr. F. desired to say that the report any such proceedings took place as is al-"A majority obtained after every thing leged in this paragraph. No communicaknowledge [A voice: "Or to the know!edge of any body."] from any source, that a Whig caucus had been held, at which it was determined what kind of a The following is an extract from a late report should be made in this case.

The next charge was as follows: "At the opening of the caucus it was plain that a majority of the Whigs present, weary of waging a reckless, unproffitable, and infamous opposition to the of nullification. People's will, had determined to go forth, like men, and sustain the President and pression made upon my imagination by the Exchequer.

At this stage of the affair the leaders took their stand and commenced a furious attack on the President and the Administration, and denounced them both; and having got up much excitement, they vowed that if any man, as a Whig, gave | Had celestial wisdom chosen a mortal resthe least countenance to the plan of the party and as such should be presented to dure, philosophic cast, and rigorous conhis country.

liberal Whigs manifested a disposition to ertion of the higher faculties of reasoning sustain the Exchequer, and do something and investigation, contrasted, yet harmoto relieve the embarrasment of the na-

Mr. F. had only to say in reference to that, that he had no knowledge of any such act at any time. He had no belief

The next charge was-

"At this stage of the game, a letter from Mr. Clay was brought forward and read. In that most precious document he urged that it was the duty and the processes. No clumsy, fatiguing, pedanpolicy of the Whigs to defeat the Exchequer and leave the country to suffer."

Then followed (said Mr. F.) what perported to be a copy or an extract from that letter. He had only to say in reference to it that he knew not what Mr. Clay's sentiments were in reference to them all that he might apply them to the this subject; that he had never heard that Mr. Clay had ever written a letter of his own. to any person in reference to this subopinions in regard to this matter was that general knowledge which he should infer from his (Mr. Clay's) character and public conduct, and from no other source whatever.

Having denied most unequivocally any knowledge of any caucus at which any part of the proceedings here detailed took place, Mr. F. could only say, in reference "After consultation and debate had the Whig party of which he had any of poetry itself. And what, what was his knowledge, it was unequivocally and absolutely false-and if there was any member on this floor who knew any facts otherwise, he desired him to rise now and give the House the information.

It was due to himself and to the committee with which he acted, to say that they had taken up this subject wholly in. These mighty principles were the very dependent of any thing that had taken burden of his discourse. Heavens, how

mend this subject, or something similar to it, to the adoption of the House and the country; and it was only on a full investigation of the subject, with this desire on his part, that he had come to the conclusion that he could not discharge his duty to the House and to the country, but by recommending the rejection of the

He did not know that his duty to himbition of the Kentucky candidate for the self or to any other gentleman required and Mr. Marshall ceased to speak. that he should say more. There were "My sources of information are correct other members of the committee here, and if they had any knowledge of this subject beyond his, or different from it, imposition of the fine of \$1000, which he hoped they would rise and give that

knowledge to the House and to the world. He was asked (and he had no objections to stating if it was in order) how long it was before this report was made that the committee came to the conclusion at which they finally arrived in the report. He would say that the committee took up The House (continued Mr. Fillmore) the subject and investigated the several and he should think more, before the report was made to this House. It was then directed to be drawn up, and time | meet the invader, and among those who was given for it, and for canvassing it in fought hardest and bled freest, the committee, before it was finally submitted French population of the city were emito the House.

If there was any member of the comhis in regard to this thing, or if there was any member of this House Whig, or usually denominated "the guard," who what he had now stated, he hoped that member, whoever he might be, would rise and state it, that he might have an opportunity for correction. He had stated the facts as he understood them.

Mr. Wise inquired if he understood that the gentleman from New York (Mr. Fillmore) intended to impute to him (Mr. W.,) or any other member of what he choose to call "the guard," any part or lot in this publication in "the Union'

Mr. Fillmore. Most certainly not; he would not suspect any member on this tion or information had ever come to his floor to be guilty of so dishonorable and so disgraceful an act.

> MR. MARSHALL-MR. WEBSTER. speech of Mr. Marshall's, in the House of seemed to be the most natural one in the Representatives, in which he describes Mr. Webster in delivering his speech in reply to General Hayne, on the subject

Sir, I spoke the other day of the imthe great Senator from Massachusetts when I saw and heard him for the first time put forth his vast powers in debate. The Democratic prints sometimes call him the "godlike" in derision. To me that day he seemed almost divine. He looked the Olympian Jove in Council. idence, on that majestic brow she might tour of the head, all giving infallible in-"Still many of the more discreet and dication of the possession and intense exnised with the wild and dreamy light that streamed from the large, dark, unfatham. able eyes, flashing as they rolled, the very soul of idealism and romance.

Never was the appearance of a man character of his intellect; never were all persons who did not leave within three they had met with a signal defeat—and head and face more truly the type of the genius which animated them. Never were more varied, wonderful, and to vulgar apprehension, incompatible faculties conferred on any man. Profoundly learned, he exhibited its results rather than its tic array of the immense mass of his knowledge; no tedious details of the vast or retarded his argument. He had studpeculiar constitution and practical affairs

He had bathed in the fountains and quaffed from the genuine source of knowling of the report of the Committee of produced or spoken of or alluded to at edge and of truth, and came thence im-Mr. Fillmore proceeded. So long as he Ways and Means in reference to the Ex. any meeting or caucus of the Whigs or buel and recking with the essence of phief any other portion of this House that losophy, while he trampled and rejected "It is a somewhat roundabout way, to he had attended, and that the only knowl. the trammels of the schoolman's jargon, scorning to employ as the instruments of by a Military Court Martial as a spy, and his demonstrations the formal categories hung up without ceremony. With this of a tecnical logic. Yet the clearness, closeness, simplicity and accuracy of his statement of general propositions, and the intense, rigorous, unsparing severity with which he enforced and applied them, noither chilled the glowing nor curbed the New Orleans and its environs, being ungrandure of his style. A long and swel. der martial law, and several encampments ling volume of his speech rolled proud philosophy, seated in the triumphal car, to the whole statement here contained, clad in the gorgeous vestments, and breathat so far as it related to any action of thing from every part the rich perfumes ed!"

paramount power, its entire independence of State control or interference, the universality of its powers where they did exist, and the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Union of all questions on which thir existence was involved.

ered, flickered, and played around his mouth and over his swart cheek, like lightning o'er a cloud, while he hurled back the thunders of his invective, or poured out in mingled mirth and madness the son at once conceived that he could try the peculiar doctrines of the South, scattering sophisms, retorting sarcasms, and flinging defiance upon the hunters of the his impriso ment! Judge Hall was ac-South and West who pressed and swarmed around the lion they had roused. And shall he, my master, come here now to unteach me all, all-

Here Mr. Proffit called the hour rule,

GEN. JACKSON'S FINE. The New Orleans Tropic gives the following narrative of facts which led to the Gen. Jackson's friends in Congress are now seeking to have refunded.

The ever memorable battle of New Or-

leans, as all know, was fought on the 8th of January, 1815. That battle was decisive in its character and in its results. The troops of Great Britain, flushed with the hopes of an easy conquest, were defeated, driven back in disgrace, leaving their General and the flower of the army among the slain. Those who know anything of the history of the times, know the courage and devotion displayed upon that occasion by all classes of our citizens. Almost every man capable of bearing arms shouldered a musket and rushed to nently distinguished. Tousard, the French Counsel at New Orleans, though forbidden to enlist himself, was most active in inducing his countrymen, residents of the city, to enroll themselves, and with perhaps a few exceptions they rallied around the stars and stripes with as much alacrity as the bravest American citizen. Men owing allegiance to la belle France, did as much service on that glorious occasion as any whoever pulled a trigger, and they did it without the hope or expectation of reward. Many of these brave fellows abandoned their families and homes, determined not to lay down their arms while the foe was within our reach and nobly did they redeem their pledge. They did not retire until our proud invaders were humbled-until our rivers ran red with their blood, and our fields were covered with their slain. But when the enemy had been repulsed, and our arms were covered with a signal, and so far as we were concerned, an almost bloodless victory, then, and then only, they asked for permission to retire-for leave to return to their deserted homes! As they were citizens of another country, men who had volunteered to defend our soil, this request world. The exigency which had called them forth had passed away, their servi. announced, or the British shall have left cos were no longer needed; and when the the Southern coast !" feet of our foes no longer polluted the soil of Louisiana-when news of the ratification of the treaty of peace between Great Britain and our Government had been received, then, and not till then, they asked what they were by every consideration entitled to, a discharge from further duty!

These applications, the reader will remember, were made on the 22d day of February, and more than a month after the battle! The first applications for discharge were granted upon the presentation of certificates of their national character, signed by Tousard, the French Counsel, already spoken of. The first applicants were readily discharged by General Jack- of that tribunal fined \$1000 and costs! son, but the number increasing more than he calculated on, he got into a towering in the order to the French population, passion, and ordered Tousard to leave the and the imprisonment of Louallier and city. On the last day of February he issued a general order, commanding all Frenchmen having Tousard's certificates, countersigned by himself, to retire from the city to some point above Baton Rouge! In addition to this, a list of the names of the place he had at first assumed-after

days, was directed to be taken. That so ungracious a return should have been made to the gallant fellows who had aided in the defence of the city, very naturally, excited a great deal of feeling. Papers from Washington, announcing the arrival of the treaty, had been received, and the order of General Jackson was considered exceedingly harsh and unnecessary. At this stage of the proceedings, ced his principles, loaded your attention Louallier, a native of France but a memied the history of all nations, and extrac. and one of the most active and efficient and published in the Courier, an article of some length in which he reviewed General Jacksons order with some severity, and recommended the persons alluded to, to remain quietly at their homes. This publication appeared on the 3d of March, and at once, the pent up wrath of General Jackson burst forth. He persuaded himself that Louallier could be tried view he caused to be published, the second section of the rules and articles of war, which denounces the punishment of death againgt spies! Accompanying this section was a notice. that the "city of and fortifications within its limits, it was deemed necessary to give publicity to the section for the information of all concern-

This publication was made on the 4th of March, and the next day, Sunday, the

The constitution, its popular origin, its 5th, Louallier was arrested and confined! Here it was that the trouble commeneed, and here it may not be improper to add, that in December previous, the Legislature had refused to comply with the wishes of Gen. Jackson and suspend the operation of the writ of habeas corpus! That body wisely determined not to out-

The counsel of Louallier applied to Judge Hall, of the United States District Court for a writ of Habeas Corpus, and he immediately gave his fiat. Gen. Jackfull torrent of his derision and scorn upon Judge Hall also before a Court Martial, and hang him and forthwith he signed a Warrant for his arrest and the mittimus for cordingly arrested at his house that night, and confined in the same room with Louallier in the barracks! This done an officer was dispatched to Claiborne, the Clerk of the Court, with a demand for Louallier's petition, on the buck of which Judge Hall had made his order, This the Clerk peremptorily refused to surrender, but finally consented to take the document to Gen. Jackson. Upon his arrival at Gen. Jackson's quarters, he was asked if it was his intention to serve the writ, to which he promptly responded, yes! He too was threatened with an arrest, but he was not to be moved by menaces from the discharge of his duty. He had handed the petition of Louallier to Gen. Jackson when he entered, and upon retiring. demanded it, but his demand was treated with contempt and the paper withheld from him! Upon the arrival of Duplessis the Marshal, who was one of Jackson's volunteer aids, he was asked if he would serve the writ, and when he answered in the affirmative, he too was pointed to the proclamation of martial law, and threatened with arrest.

Dick, the Attorney of the United States. applied to Judge Lewis, of one of the State Courts, for a writ of Habeas Corpus to release Judge Hall, and the writ was granted. As soon as Gen. Jackson was advised of this, he ordered Lewis and Dick to be arrested! and Gen. Arbuele, who had charge of Judge Hall, refused to obey Judge Lewis' writ!

This was on the 6th of March, and Gen. Jackson was morally convinced that a treaty of peace had been ratified! On the 8th he announced that he had "persuasive evidence" of the fact, and his first duty was to discharge the body of the militia of the State!

When the court martial for the trial of Louallier came on, on the 9th of March, he pled want of jurisdiction to all the specifications, and the Court sustained his plea on all the charges, save one, and on this one, they arguitted him!

At the result of this trial General Jack. son was greatly disappointed and mortified, but he did not release any of his prisoners! The acq ittal of Louallier, however convinced Gen. Jackson it would be useless to try Judge Hall on the same charge, and on the 11th of March he was rele: sed from prison, conducted by a guard several mi'es beyond the limits of the city and order d not to return "until the ratification of the ireaty was regularly

What followed may he related in a few words: On the 13th official information of the ratification of the treaty was received, and shortly afterwards Judge Hall returned to the city. On the 21st, the affidavits of the Clerk of the District Court, of the Marsh il of the United States, of the Attorney of Lonallier, and of the Commander of the Barracks, were laid before the Judge, and on the motion of the United States Attorney, a rule to show cause why process of attachment should not issue against Jackson, was granted. The rest is soon told, Gen. Jackson was brought into Court, and for his contempt

To show that Gen. Jackson's conduct Hall, was wholly unnecessary, it is only necessary to make an extract from his defence, in which he admits that "most of the acts mentioned in the rule took place after the enemy had retired from ceived of the signature of the treaty."

Correspondence of the N. Y. Commercial Adver-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1843.

SENATE. THE OREGON BILL.

After some, (a very little, and not important,) incidental business, the bill for the occupation and settlement of the Oregon Territory was taken up again.

Mr. McDuffie, of South Carolina, had ted the universal truths impressed upon members in all that trying time, wrote the floor. He thought there had been this measure. He had no doubt of the title of the United States to the territory, at least as far as 49 deg. North latitude. But there are two parties to this question; and the other party is as confident of its title as we are of ours. And how is this to be settled? And what is the existing emergency, to call upon us at this unpropitious moment to adopt the hostile course described in this bill, and that, too, after slumbering over it through long years of profound peace, and unparalleled prosperity, when there was no legitimate or illegiti:nate mode of expending money, of which the government of the time did not avail itself?

Mr. McDuffie alluded, with strong approbation, to the course of the English Government in the late negotiation, and to the present Administration for the admirable treaty which was its happy result; and while all the world were shaking hands upon this auspicious settlement of our difficulties, we are now about to assume a hostile attitude toward the country that had sent us, so lately, the olive branch of peace; we are about, in return for this, to flash in its face the sword of war! He deemed an amicable adjustment much more worthy of us, and much more likely to lead to a favorable result. Our title is law the citizens of the State by depriving clearer than theirs, and a calm and ration. them of that great bulwak of personal al negotiation would establish it, beyond any doubt. He denied that the English